

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 6, 2020 @ 6:45PM

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The reorganization meeting and regular monthly Council Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 6:45pm at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. The Invocation was given by Pastor Randy Zitterbart, Hillside Community Church. Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONIES

Solicitor Dan Stants administered oaths of office to newly elected Council members Ken Patterson and William Wisner, III and re-elected Council members Robert Dollar and Charles Mills. The sworn in Council members assumed their seats on Borough Council.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council Members David Snyder, Ken Patterson, Bob Dollar, Charlie Mills, William Wisner and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Members Terry Richardson and Sarah Jane Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Police Chief John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

ORGANIZATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded that Robert Dollar be nominated as Vice President of Borough Council. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Patterson, Mills, Wisner and Mayor Latchford. Council member Dollar abstained.

DESIGNATE TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was moved and seconded the regular meetings of Borough Council remain unchanged as the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES

It was moved and seconded Council approve *The Daily Herald* as the newspaper of general circulation for official Borough notices. Council unanimously approved said motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Niewinski, President of JMJ Catholic Radio, addressed Council requesting to take over the Lease the Borough currently has with Cherry Communications. Mr. Niewinski was in receipt of a proposed lease from Attorney Stants wherein the amount of \$250/month was a deal breaker for JMJ Catholic Radio. Mr. Niewinski advised the station is just him and his wife and they are a 501C(3), not for profit, organization. Mr. Niewinski suggested \$100/month plus the Borough would received 10% of any rental revenue JMJ would receive, which he stated is \$400-\$500/month. Mr. Niewinski also advised he would be willing to purchase the parcel for \$5,000. Mr. Niewinski also advised they would make public service announcements free for the Borough, police and fire companies.

This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Latchford asked for public comment. There being none it was moved and seconded that Solicitor Stants prepare a new Lease with an annual fee of \$100 for a period of 10 years with four 10-year renewal options.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financials were not available.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Approval of Payment Application No. 6 – Logan Avenue Streetscape

Council was in receipt of Payment Application No. 6 for the Logan Avenue Streetscape in the amount of \$ 275,035.20. This request has been reviewed by Borough staff and Blair County Grant Coordinator, Trina Illig and approval of this request is recommended at this time. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Payment Application No. 6. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Award of 902 Grant from DEP

The Borough was recently notified of a DEP grant award in the amount of \$44,243. We are awaiting disbursement. This is a reimbursement grant and will cover the cost of the woodchipper and trailer that was previously purchased for leaf collection and composting services.

Reservoir Park Reservations

Reservations for Reservoir Park are scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020 at 8am.

Building Access – Municipal Building

The Municipal Building has increasing issues with public access to the Municipal Building. On numerous occasions, persons will walk thru the halls and into offices without stopping in the front offices for direction. While we do not want to limit access to our public building, we do need to keep the safety of our employees as our main concern. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to permit the Borough Manager to seek bids for installation of a barrier to include glass windows and locking doors.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Stants had nothing to report.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. Mr. Nester had the following for Council's approval:

Clarifier Rehab – WWTP – Application for Payment No. 3

Council was in receipt of Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$141,930. This has been reviewed by Borough staff and GHD and they recommend approval of Application No. 3 for payment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Application for Payment No. 3. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised Officer Beall has been deployed. Chief will be holding interviews next week for additional part time officers.

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SEWER DEPARTMENT: Mayor Latchford introduced Jason Harris as the newly appointed Sewer Superintendent. Mr. Harris has worked at the Sewer Department for 13 years. Council was in receipt of Mr. Harris's monthly report.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft's monthly report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's report. Mr. Bywater thanked Mr. Harris and the Sewer department for their assistance with a clogged storm sewer drain before Christmas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Latchford welcomed the newly elected Council members.

Council member Mills asked Council to revisit the parking issue on the 1000 block of Logan Avenue, in front of the Municipal parking lot. In September 2019, Council member Snyder advised Council that he had been approached from these businesses asking for the meters to be removed for the sake of their customers. Council had decided to remove six parking meters, allowing the neighboring businesses parking spaces for their customers. Council member Snyder advised that now people working downtown are using the spaces all day thus not allowing persons visiting the neighboring businesses to park, which is what it was intended for. Mayor Latchford asked for input from Parking Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell. Mr. Frazell felt the meters should be put back. While the ideas of courtesy parking, two-hour time limits, etc, sound nice, it would create an enforcement issue. Mr. Frazell further stated the holes are already in place for the meters and the Ordinance had not yet been changed. It was moved and seconded that Council approve replacement of the six meters that were previously removed. Council unanimously approved said motion.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager